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KSOU Academic Bhavan at Mandakalli readied as

COVID Care Centre

District Minister inspects 530-bed facility along with DC

Mysuru, July 11 (RK&BCT)- A full-fledged **COVID Care Centre (CCC)** has been established at the Academic Bhavan of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) near Mysore Airport at Mandakalli. The facility has 530 beds and Coronavirus positive patients with mild symptoms will be admitted here.

Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar visited the facility this morning along with a battery of reporters. The visit is significant as the cumulative number of positive cases has gone up to 690 and 20 persons have died so far. Total active cases at the designated COVID-19 Hospital stand at 307. 363 patients have been cured and discharged so far.

Yesterday, Mysuru reported 57 cases and the list includes two personal secretaries of an MLA, a trainee Dy.SP and four prisoners. As the cases are increasing by the day, the necessity of care facilities too has increased and the KSOU Academic Bhavan has been converted to one such facility where patients with mild symptoms will be admitted.

51 rooms with 10 beds each

The Academic Bhavan was inaugurated in December last year and its spacious halls in four floors have been converted as care facilities. There are 51 rooms and each room has 10 beds. The Ground Floor has been converted in to a parking space and also space for doctors, nurses and care facility administration staff.

Each room has WiFi connectivity and each patient will be provided bandwidth for three hours per day with 12 mbps speed.

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	51
Cumulative POSITIVE cases	:	690
Total ACTIVE cases	:	307
Persons discharged	:	363
Deaths	:	20

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everyone has a reason to pray
everyone has a reason to pray

District Administration explores option to control virus spread

Mini-lockdown likely in some areas of N.R. Constituency, says DC

Mysuru, July 11 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru District Administration is exploring various options to control COVID-19 spread and the options include imposing a mini-lockdown in some areas of Narasimharaja (N.R.) Constituency where many Coronavirus positive cases are reported on a daily basis. The lockdown decision will be taken after consulting the local MLA and leaders.

"To control the disease spread and to prevent mortalities, we are doing a door-to-door survey of areas in the Constituency to identify patients with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) and Influenza-Like Illness (ILI). If the number of patients is high we might impose a mini-lockdown in some areas of N.R. Constituency to break the chain," said Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar this morning.

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By Satish Acharya

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.
Mysuru, Saturday 11th July 2020

National Institute of Open Schooling cancels exams

New Delhi, July 11- The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) on Friday announced the cancellation of its public exams scheduled from July 17 on account of the COVID outbreak.

The results will be declared based on the assessment scheme finalised by the competent committee of the NIOS, the HRD Ministry said.

"Conduct of March 2020 Secondary and Senior Secondary course public examination rescheduled to commence from July 17, 2020 and further postponed, now stands cancelled," the NIOS said in a statement here.

However, as a one time measure, the learners will have the option to appear in the next public or on-demand examination to improve their performance as and when the situation becomes conducive for such an exercise.

"The marks obtained by the learner in such examination shall, however, be taken as final for such of those learners opting to appear in the said examination," the NIOS said.

HC notice to Centre, State on exemption to electric vehicles

Bengaluru, July 11- The Karnataka High Court on Friday ordered the issuance of notice to the Central Government, State Government and an agency authorised to issue Certificate of Exemption to Electric Vehicles.

A Division Bench of the High Court comprising Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice M. Nagaprasanna ordered the issuance of notice on the PIL filed by Prasad K.R. Rao. The petition stated that Automotive Association of India, an agency affiliated to the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, issues certificates to electric vehicles under rule 2 (u) of Central Vehicle Rules. The certification exempts such electric vehicles as motor vehicles under Motor Vehicles Act and thus exempting them from the registration process.

The petitioner submitted that among other criteria, rule 2 (u) of the Central Vehicle Rules stipulates that the maximum speed of an electric vehicle should be less than 25 km per hour. When actually driven, these electric vehicles travel in three different speed modes, first at 25 km, then at 35 km and in third mode up to the speed of 45 km. The petitioner contended that this was in violation of the rules and evasion of registration charges imposed by the Government.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Somewhere in a remote village in West-Sern Tripura, a labourer committed suicide last week after he was unable to buy a smartphone for his daughter's online classes. In a similar incident, a 15-year-old class 10 student in Assam's Chirang district killed himself as he did not own a smartphone to attend web classes and exams. These two incidents are among several such cases that have shocked the country after the COVID-19 outbreak. With the COVID-induced lockdown further reducing the cash flow, poor families are now pledging gold and other valuables to buy gadgets for their children as many schools have gone online in Dakshina Kannada district. Many Co-operative Societies in the district are seeing a steady rise in the number of such parents coming with gold in return for cash.

— Deepthi Sanjiv in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Restaurant serves Mask Parottas for COVID-19 awareness

Madurai: A restaurant in Tamil Nadu's Madurai town has taken the Coronavirus awareness a notch higher by serving mask-shaped parottas to customers. The innovation was conceptualised by K.L. Kumar, owner of Temple City, one of the biggest restaurant chains in Madurai on Tuesday morning and by evening, the mask-shaped parottas were served to customers. In Tamil Nadu, Madurai has the highest number of cases only after Chennai. People not wearing face masks in such a situation was one of the reasons that Kumar rolled out the idea of mask-shaped parottas. "The idea was to make people aware about the importance of wearing a face mask in public places to control the spread of the virus infection," Kumar said.

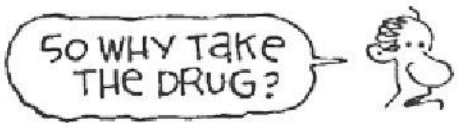
Glazed cookies turned into edible art works

Ajka: Judit Czinkné Poór, of a cake-decorating shop in the Hungarian city of Ajka, is famous for her ability to turn simple gingerbread cookies into edible masterpieces. Honeyed manna drew international attention in 2016, when popular blogs featured Judit Czinkné Poór's stunning gingerbread creations. Her incredibly detailed embroidered-like treats received the most attention and for good reason, but the talented pastry chef has since moved on to other types of decorations, from embossed animals to intricate cartoon characters.

The Mézesmanna brand was founded in 2012, when project manager Zsanett Odett Papp asked Judit Czinkné Poór to bake her delicious gingerbread cookies for some foreign business partners. The treats were such a huge hit that Zsanett decided to ask her friend to start a business together. The rest, as they say, is history.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

How beneficial are blood pressure and cholesterol lowering drugs?



Very few people taking blood pressure and cholesterol-lowering drugs are aware of how ineffective they really are at doing what they are supposed to do. Studies show that cholesterol and blood pressure drugs are less than 5% effective over 5 years. So why take them? Does your doctor know this?

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Online teaching

State Govt. to consult IAS Officers who served in Education Department

Bengaluru, July 11- The State Government has decided to consult senior bureaucrats, who had served the Education Department in the past while taking a decision on the Expert Committee Report on online teaching.

The report submitted by the Committee consisting of 14 experts is yet to be considered by the Department. Several Child Rights activists, organisations working for Child Rights and even Parents' Associations have raised objections to the recommendations in the report.

Following the objections, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar said that the Government will consult IAS Officers, who have worked with the Department in the past and discuss the report with them.

Answering to queries during a phone-in programme on a TV channel, Suresh Kumar said, "The Government has not accepted the report yet. We have received the report and will discuss the same with IAS Officers who were with the Department earlier."

This list of IAS Officers include senior officers like the present Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, V.P. Baligar, G. Kumar Naik and some retired officers who served as Secretaries and Commissioners.

Suresh Kumar

The Minister promised to consult Teachers' Associations before taking a decision on the report.

Happy with the Expert Committee Report, the Private School Managements have requested the Primary Education Department to constitute a regulatory authority to monitor the implementation of the same.

"Whatever the Committee recommended is perfect and in the interest of students. Now, the challenge before the Government is to implement the same and monitor it. Unless there is a regulatory mechanism in place, the recommendations of the report will go in vain," said D. Shashi Kumar, General Secretary of Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka.

Really...?

- *Reindeer hair is hollow inside like a tube.*
- *Crocodiles never outgrow their enclosure.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

It's my wife's birthday tomorrow. Last week, I asked her what she wanted as a present. "Oh, I don't know," she said. "Just give me something with diamonds." That's why I'm giving her a pack of playing cards!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.16
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 94.87
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.46
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.89

VOICE OF THE READER

KSOU can follow Natl. Institute of Open Schooling model

Sir,

Now that the **Karnataka State Open University (KSOU)** has been made the sole University to conduct Distance Education throughout Karnataka, it has assumed as a Central University with higher responsibility to educate those persons who are not able to attend classes in regular colleges due to their other obligations. The KSOU can now plan to expand the curriculum and courses to suit different types of job-oriented assignments, which I am sure will be in great demand in due course.

At the same time, the KSOU can also think of direct admissions to Degree courses based on the criteria of minimum age of 18 years, only, without even basic qualifications on the lines of distance learning through **NIOS (National Institute of Open Schooling)** conducted by the HRD Department of Government of India, where except the minimum age of 18 years, no other qualifications are insisted upon. But to get to know the basic knowledge of the applicant, a preliminary examination on General Knowledge, English and Basic Science, language, could be conducted with a minimum marks fixed for a pass to be eligible for admission to Degree course in KSOU.

Such modalities are already followed in several Universities in India. This method will not only liberalise the admissions to join KSOU on par with students of other regular colleges but also helps to carry forward their academic studies without affecting their occupations.

The KSOU by doing so will be helping the poorer classes, the journalists, the business men, the rural poor who are busy with agriculture and many more, who could not afford to attend schools and colleges in the past to catch the ladder to come up to the mainstream.

The Government of Karnataka, which is the governing authority for improving education in the State, can make a study of all aspects of helping the poor and less educated and the downtrodden to improve their knowledge. Though this requires lot of efforts and additional exercise for KSOU, in the interest of growth of education to the unorganised sector, by liberalisation of admission at KSOU as explained above, the Government would be providing more opportunities, more involvement and competitions to lesser educated and to improve their economic conditions.

Being an ex-student of KSOU, I am confident that by achieving this, the KSOU, by its name itself, would be a real Open University to welcome people from all walks of life and take full credit for a real development.

— K. V. Ramanath
Srirampura II Stage
9.7.2020

UG, PG exams cancelled; only final exams in September

Bengaluru, July 11 (UNI)- The Karnataka Government has cancelled all intermediate exams of University and College in view of the increasing COVID-19 cases in the State. Graduation, post-graduation exams will be conducted only for final semester students. All intermediate semester students except medical students will be promoted.

All intermediate semester students pursuing a degree (BA, B.Sc., B.Com., etc.), post-graduation courses (MA, M.Sc.) including engineering and diploma will be promoted without exams. However, no relief will be extended to final sem students.

Examinations for the final year students would be conducted before the end of September 2020, as per University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines. The Governor of Karnataka has also approved the decision. The State that decided not to cancel SSLC and II PUC exams 2020, cancelled exams for the intermediate University students.

Pass and promote

Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan said, "COVID-19 has disrupted the education system - classes could not be held on time. Online learning introduced during the lockdown has received good responses and the Government promptly tried its best to reach the last person in the chain. Amid these, the Government mulled on conducting offline classes and exams too, but owing to an increase in the viral spread those thoughts have been dropped and it has been decided to pass and promote all intermediate semester students. Universities have been intimated to conduct examinations for all the final year/semester students."

Comprehensive evaluation

He added, "Intermediate semester students will be assessed based on a comprehensive evaluation scheme with internal assessment marks and previous year's / semester's marks considered in a 50:50 ratio. For students in their first semester/year, the evaluation will be completely based on internal assessment marks. If students feel to better their scores, provisions will be made for them to face examinations during the next semester and students who fail to succeed in the comprehensive evaluation process shall face examinations for respective subjects during the next semester. Backlog subjects will be allowed to carry over as well."

Company assessment

Talking about the rationale behind conducting exams for the final semester, Dy.CM said, "Final semester exams will be conducted with due consideration given to students' academic evaluation and their future lives. Academic evaluation forms the core of the higher education system and hence the academic performance of students needs to be considered. Companies too will base their assessments on an individual student's academic excellence and grades he/she secured. Thus, it would be pushing the students to danger in the future if examinations were not to be conducted now. In this regard, all Universities have been informed to make suitable arrangements for the conduct of final examinations."

The Government also decided to conduct online classes for the academic year 2020-21 from Sept. 1, 2020, and offline classes from Oct. 1, 2020.

Medical Insurance must for IISc. students

Bengaluru, July 11 (UNI)- Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) has decided to go ahead and allow students to return to campus. But with conditions and one of them is availing medical insurance.

After the lockdown was lifted, the premier institute made plans to allow students to return in phases, but on June 29, the administration told students not to return after a campus resident tested positive. However, IISc., has now decided to allow senior students to return.

Officials say they have told returning students that they must procure medical insurance and reminded them that the institute provides group medical insurance. Students must discuss their dates of return with their professors.

If students return out of turn, they will not be allowed into their hostel rooms and would have to figure out alternative accommodation, either off campus or in paid accommodation on campus if it is available. The administration has said it has made arrangements to quarantine students in the event that a student or other resident tests positive.

SSLC paper valuation from July 13

Ban orders imposed around evaluation centres

Mysuru, July 11- The evaluation work of SSLC exam (2019-20) which was held across the State from June 25 to July 4, will take place from July 13 at six centres in city. The evaluation will be held from 10 am to 5 pm on all days and the evaluators have been asked to complete the work in a week.

Teachers aged above 55 years and also those having medical issues have been exempted from evaluation work.

The six city centres are: Jnanaganga High School, Kuvempunagar; Chinmaya High School, Jayalakshmipuram; Sadvidya High School, N.S. Road; Vijaya Vittala High School, Saraswathipuram; Nirmala Convent, V.V. Mohalla and St. Philomena's High School, N.R.Mohalla.

In view of the evaluation work, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has imposed prohibitory orders under Section 35 of Karnataka Police Act,1963, in 200 mts. radius of all the six centres, from 6 am till 6 pm on all days, starting from July 13 till the completion of evaluation.

Accordingly, movement of unauthorised persons and carrying of objectionable articles is strictly banned in 200 mts radius of all the centres.

K-SET likely to be postponed again

Mysuru, July 11 (MK&DM)- The University of Mysore (UoM), which is the nodal agency to conduct K-SET (Karnataka - State Eligibility Test) for appointment of Assistant Professors in First Grade Colleges, is likely to postpone the exam for the third time, as COVID-19 pandemic is spreading fast across the State.

K-SET Co-ordinator Prof. K. Rajashekar told *Star of Mysore* that the deadline for submission of application forms has been extended thrice and the exam date has been postponed twice, due to COVID-19 pandemic. Now, the exam which is rescheduled to take place later this month, is likely to be postponed again as the pandemic is spreading rapidly across the country. Pointing out that the UGC has given authority to UoM for holding the exam for 2020-21 and 2021-22, he said the exams must be held by December this year and if not, the candidates will stand to lose one chance of appearing for the test.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption today

As the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up the emergency maintenance works, power supply was disrupted in the following areas today (July 11) from 10 am to 5 pm: Gandhi Nagar, Hyder Ali Road, Mohammed Sait Block, J.P. Palace, Akshaya Mahal, Telecom Colony and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the N.R. Mohalla Division Executive Engineer.

Online Japanese language course

Bhavan's Priyamvada Birla Institute of Management (BPBIM), Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Vijayanagar, is starting online Japanese language course from today (July 11) at 4.30 pm. For details, contact Vani Prasad, Adjunct Professor, on Mob: 94803-82550, according to a press release from BPBIM.

Government offices closed on Saturdays, Sundays

As a measure to contain the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the State Government has announced a five-day week for all Government offices, with effect from July 11. Accordingly, the offices of all Government Departments, including Education Department, will remain closed on Saturdays and Sundays starting from today (July 11).

The five-day week will be in effect until further orders. However, the order will not apply to staff, officials and teachers deputed for COVID-19 duty and teachers who have been deployed for SSLC evaluation work.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	103.58 ft
Yesterday	102.85 ft
Inflow	10,395 cusecs
Outflow	3,118 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,270.27 ft
Inflow	3,664 cusecs
Outflow	1,750 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,850.36 ft
Inflow	1,822 cusecs
Outflow	330 cusecs

'Water Warrior' Kamegowda takes ill

Admitted to hospital with severe leg pain

Mandya, July 11 (Nagaiah& KS)- Kamegowda, an octogenarian shepherd from Dasanadoddi village in Malavalli taluk, Mandya district, who was lauded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme for digging 16 ponds in his village to solve the village's problem of water scarcity and converting the barren hillock into a bed of lakes, has been admitted to a hospital on Thursday following severe pain in his right leg.

Kamegowda, who was suffering from neurological problems, suddenly developed severe pain in his right leg following which he was admitted to Malavalli Taluk Hospital.

DHO, Tahsildar visit Kamegowda: District Health and Family Welfare Officer Dr. H.P. Manjegowda, Taluk Tahsildar, Executive Officer and others, who came to know that Kamegowda was admitted to the hospital, rushed to the hospital and enquired his heath.

The officials, who collected information about Kamegowda's illness from the doctors, instructed the doctors to provide necessary treatment and also shift Kamegowda to a private hospital in Mysuru for treatment if necessary.

It may be recalled that PM Modi applauding Kamegowda's efforts in his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme, had referred Kamegowda as one of the "Water Warriors" in the country. The PM had said "Kamegowda takes out his animals for grazing, but at the same time he has taken it upon himself to build new ponds in his area. He wants to overcome the problem of water scarcity in his area and is engaged in work on constructing small ponds. Today, the entire area has got a new lease of life on account of these ponds."

The KSRTC had also honoured him with a free lifetime bus pass.

Government offices in city to have Help Desk Kiosk

Mysuru, July 11 (RK&DM)- With no signs as yet of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic abating, DC Abhiram G. Sankar has ordered establishment of an Help Desk Kiosk at all Government offices in the district, as a measure to check the spread of the virus.

Noting that Government offices are high public contact areas, the DC said that the setting up of the Kiosk was necessary for preventing public contact as far as possible.

Pointing out that the Kiosk will be a facilitation centre for accepting public grievances, applications or other records, he appealed the public to stay away from visiting Government offices for minor things or issues and also to follow lockdown regulations including wearing of facemask, use of hand sanitisers and maintenance of physical distancing among others.

Scooter rider killed in collision with car

Mysuru, July 11 (YDS&DM)- A 35-year-old two-wheeler rider was killed when the scooter he was riding, collided head on with a car near a poultry farm at Daripura on Mysuru-Manandavadi Road on Friday.

Ravichandra (35), a resident of Sunnadakeri, is the deceased.

Ravichandra was riding on his Honda Dio scooter from H.D. Kote side towards Mysuru, when a car travelling towards H.D. Kote knocked down his scooter near the poultry farm at Daripura.

Ravichandra, who sustained serious injuries in the accident, was being shifted in an ambulance to a city hospital, when he died en route, it is learnt.

Jayapura Police have registered a case in this regard.

Fifteen retired MLCs accorded farewell

Bengaluru, July 11 (KMS&DM)- Fifteen members of Karnataka Legislative Council (MLC), who retired last month, were given a warm farewell at a programme organised at the Council Secretariat here on Friday.

The retired MLCs — M.C. Venugopal, T.A. Sharavana, Dr. Jayamala, Jayamma, H.M. Revanna, Sharanappa Mattur, N.S. Bosaraju, D.U. Mallikarjun, Tippanna Kamakanoor, R. Chowdareddy Toopalli, K. Abdul Jabbar, Ivan D'Souza, Iqbal Ahmed Saradagi, S.V. Sankanur and Puttanna — were presented with a shawl and a memento.

Legislative Council Chairman Pratapchandra Shetty,Opposition leader S.R. Patil, Chief Whip Narayanaswamy, Minister Kota Srinivas Poojari, who is a member of the Council and others were present.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, July 11- The body of an unidentified elderly man aged about 65 years, was found on the Railway track between Ashokapuram and Kadakola Stations of Mysuru-Nanjangud section on July 9.

The man is learnt to have been run over by a Coupled Light Railway Engine.

The man is 5.3 ft. in height, medium built and wore a white coloured full shirt, a white coloured banian and a Blue coloured short. The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact the Railway Police on Ph: 0821-2516579.

Sandalwood tree stolen

Mysuru, July 11 (SPN&DM)- After a brief lull, sandalwood thieves have struck again in the city, stealing a Sandalwood tree grown in the front-yard of a house in Jayalakshmipuram Police limits late on Thursday night.

The thieves, who entered the front-yard of the house of one Chirag Mehta on 14th Cross, V.V. Mohalla, managed to cut down Sandalwood tree and fled with 7ft. long stem of Sandalwood, while leaving out the branches, according to a complaint.

Jayalakshmipuram Police have registered a case in this regard.

Retired Pesh Imams and Moujins to get Pension

Mysuru, July 11- The District Wakf Consultative Committee has invited applications from retired Pesh Imams and Moujins, for availing monthly pension (Rs.2,000 for Pesh Imams and Rs.1,500 for Moujins).

Pesh Imams and Moujins, aged over 65 years and who retired after serving at least for ten years in any of the Karnataka Wakf Board registered Masjids in the district, are eligible to apply.

The prescribed application forms are available at the Committee office. [Ph: 0821-2423520]

Obituary

Maridandaiah Buddha

Mysuru, July 11- Maridandaiah Budda (57), a resident of Gangothri Layout here, passed away last night.

A bachelor, he leaves behind his mother, three brothers, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the burial ground in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon.

B.S. Shivalingegowda

B.S. Shivalingegowda (86), a retd. Agricultural Officer and a resident of Srirampura here, passed away on Thursday (July 9) following a brief illness.

He is survived by his sons B.S. Ashok (retd. Senior Manager, KGB), B.S. Ravish (retd. Superintendent, BSNL) and B.S. Sree Harsha (Assistant Executive Engineer, KERS), daughters B.S. Prabha and B.S. Bharathi, his sons-in-law, H.D. Sudarshan (former President, HOPCOMS) and N.G. Srinivas (retd. DTO, KSRTC), daughters-in-law Mahalakshmi and M.R. Geethanjali and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Thursday afternoon.

Clean and green waste management at Yadavagiri Sankalp Central Park

Mysuru, July 11 (RK&BCT)- Across Mysuru, apartments have been popping up like mushrooms over the years. This poses several challenges to the city, including waste management. Though the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has introduced many rules that require apartments to manage their own waste, not all apartments follow these.

However, the solution could be quite simple if segregation of dry and wet waste is done and disposed of in a proper way. While the dry waste can be handed over to the Pourakarmikas on a weekly basis, kitchen waste can be turned into compost at backyards — a carry in and carry out philosophy.

This system has been efficiently implemented at the Sankalp Central Park Apartments at Yadavagiri in city. Residents have not given away any wet waste to Pourakarmikas since months. Instead, they use the waste to grow gardens in their Apartment and even market the manure to earn handsome revenues.

Wet waste and coco peat

The compost is created using the wet waste and coco peat (a multi-purpose growing medium made out of coconut husk). There are over 560 flats in the Sankalp Central Park Apartment complex and at present, over 450 people stay there. They have formed a self-reliant "Sankalp Central Park Apartment Owners' Welfare Association" and carry out various activities including systematic compost-making.

Every day, over 250 to 300 kg wet waste is generated here and the waste is stored in the garbage collection room. The waste collected for three days are then put into a grinding machine and then mixed with coco peat. "The mixture is then left in that state for 15 days for natural fermentation and then compost mix is prepared," Chida Shivanna, President of Sankalp Central Park Apartment Owners' Welfare Association, told *Star of Mysore.*

60,000 kg of compost

The mix is later filled to 35 kg bags and buried in four 6X6 feet pits and the pits are covered to make it air-tight. "After 30 days, black compost is generated in the pits. We use some of the manure to grow our garden and also sell it for Rs. 6 per kg. Every year, we generate over 60,000 kg of compost and we have six workers dedicated to the job," Chida Shivanna explained.

Segregation is the most important part in waste management. It means segregating waste into dry and wet waste so that they are not mixed. Waste segregation is necessary as only then it is possible to recycle the dry waste and compost the wet waste. "Compost is rich in nutrients and can be used in gardens, landscaping, horticulture and agriculture. There is a huge demand for the compost we sell," he said.

The initiative is actively supported by Secretary of Sankalp Central Park Apartment Owners' Welfare Association Nandita Chandra, Treasurer Jayaram, Garbage Management In-charge Lakshmi Akhela and all residents.

Workers at Yadavagiri Sankalp Central Park prepare compost out of the wet waste generated daily. The manure is then put to gardens and also sold for a price.

Chamarajanagar gets first woman SP

Chamarajanagar, July 11 (SS&DM)- Divya Sara Thomas, a 2013 batch IPS Officer of Karnataka Cadre, took charge as Chamarajanagar Superintendent of Police (SP) here yesterday, thus becoming the first woman SP of the district, since its formation in 1997.

Divya Sara Thomas, who was CAR DCP at Bengaluru, replaces H.D. Anandkumar, who has been transferred and posted as SP of Internal Security Division (ISD) at Bengaluru. She had earlier served as Assistant SP at Nanjangud in Mysuru district four years ago.

Divya Sara Thomas

Although the Government had posted her as Chamarajanagar SP in a transfer order issued on June 26 in respect of 13 IPS officers, the Government had not issued her the movement order. But on Thursday, the Government issued the movement order to Divya, following which she took charge yesterday.

Speaking to press persons after assuming charge as SP, Divya Sara Thomas said that she is familiar with Chamarajanagar district as she had earlier served as Assistant SP at Nanjangud, which borders Chamarajanagar.

Noting that the district is known for peace and harmony, she said that she has now got an opportunity to serve this peaceful district and sought the co-operation of the public for maintaining law and order.

37 Police Inspectors transferred

Mysuru, July 11- A fortnight after the transfer of 13 IPS officers, the State Government on Friday transferred 37 Police Inspectors across the State.

According to the transfer order, Lakshmikant Talwar has been appointed as Nanjangud Circle Inspector, K.V. Krishnappa as T. Narasipur Circle Inspector, M. Nanjappa as Chamarajanagar Rural Police Inspector and K. Santosh as Police Inspector at Mandya.

In other transfers, T. Narasipur Inspector M.R. Lava has been posted to Police Training School at Channapatna, Vivekananda to State Intelligence Wing, CESC Vigilance Inspector B.S. Prakash to Karnataka Lokayukta, S. Gangadhar to Police Training School at Mysuru and H.T. Sunil Kumar, who was awaiting posting, to CESC Vigilance squad.

Quick Gun Justice

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Vikas Dubey, the *"Kanpur wala"* gangster, who killed eight Policemen during a raid and escaped, was caught on a Thursday and shot dead on a Friday. Justice was served *'Dabangg'* style. Has reel Police become real Police now?

"Encounters" or "extra judicial killings" which were widely practiced by the Punjab Police against violent supporters of Khalistan and by Maharashtra Police to deal with the Mumbai underworld has now become "acceptable" practice in many States.

Quick justice may have become the choice of law deliver for many Police officers because the wheels of justice grind slowly and also procuring and securing "undeniable evidence" is hard work and a thankless job.

The Police, after grabbing an accused, have to start building the case, collecting evidence, secure it, keep going to courts to depose before the Judge and keep taking the accused along month after month to the court.

During this time, the accused person's political patron, lawyer and even some Police officers may weaken the case. In the end, after all the effort of the Police officer, the accused could go scot-free, like Dubey did after killing a man inside a Police Station. This person could then go on to become a *neta* who could decide this arresting officer's future...so why give a chance.

The observation of Justice A.N. Mulla of the Allahabad High Court that *"Policemen in general, barring a few, seem to have come to the conclusion that crime cannot be investigated and security cannot be preserved by following the law, and it can only be achieved by breaking or circumventing the law"* now rings true.

This observation was on full display when Telangana Police shot dead four rapists last year. They delivered a medieval style justice in modern times and people cheered because they have lost faith in the Indian justice system. When the most disturbing rape and murder of Nirbhaya takes seven years, why will people not celebrate quick-gun justice?

The public seems to have simply accepted the new quick delivery model saying, *"They were evil men. Police did what courts would have taken years to do."* It is this attitude that made "encounter specialists" heroes in the eyes of the public in the 1990s.

The most famous among encounter specialists were Pradeep Sharma and Daya Nayak, both from Mumbai Police. In fact, Pradeep Sharma in an interview for *TIME* magazine said, *"Criminals are filth and I'm the cleaner."* This is 'God complex' flowing from the power of his gun and license to legally kill. But that said the "encounter squad" did mange to bring down crime over a period of seven years after which they were shut down.

Even our sleepy Mysuru had a similar squad, it was called the "Anti-Rowdy Squad (ARS)" In the early 1990s rowdies were becoming a menace as Police turned a blind eye. Then in 1993 two duty Constables were attacked near Gayathri theatre on Chamaraja Double Road. Immediately the then Police Commissioner Kasturirangan set up an, 'Anti-Rowdy Squad' headed by Inspector K.S. Thammaiah. Soon the cleansing began with rowdy-sheeter Lakshman, aka 'Chimpanzee' being killed in an encounter when he tried to "escape" from Police custody in old Santhepet area.

ARS had struck fear in the hearts of rowdies and aspiring rowdies alike. In a few years, rowdies mellowed down and moved to real estate and politics and the Anti-Rowdy Squad was moved into City Crime Branch where it remains dormant.

But this trend of quick justice doesn't bode well for a civil society or democracy. Soon this approval of the public for quick justice can be misused to close cases quickly or cover up cases. And Dubey killing may very well prove to be one.

This sudden story of the jeep toppling, Dubey escaping with a gun, then being shot dead proves that the Police need an Anurag Kashyap movie script, because what they have now is a Rohit Shetty movie script, bereft of logic and full of holes in the story.

Even better, may be it is time the Police wrote a new script, one where they severely punish their own who sell themselves. Dubey had time to prepare and kill Police because he got information of the raid from the Police.

This story of "enemy within" plays out across many Police Departments in the country.

Many may remember how a Police Sub-Inspector and four Police Constables took a bribe of Rs. 7 lakh and let RDX-laden trucks into Mumbai which went on to kill 317 people and severely injuring 1,400.

Closer home we have the example of Veerapan. The dreaded poacher was first arrested in 1965 by Forest Rangers but disappeared from a Police lock up! Then he again surfaced in Bangalore in 1986 to purchase ammunition when a chance encounter led to his arrest. He was handed over to the Superintendent of Police, Forest Cell, in Mysore. Again he escaped ! He had a magic spell.... 'bribe.' Because after his "escape act" in 1986 a Police inquiry indicted senior officials guarding him for taking bribes and letting him escape.

These officers may have been indicted but what was the price others had to pay? Veerapan went on to kill 138 people, including 32 Police officers and 10 forest officials. Two of them were the beloved sons of Mysore — SP T. Harikrishna and SI Shakeel Ahmed.

The officers who took the bribe should have been sentenced to death or life in prison for leaving a trail of young widows and fatherless children. While the Government talks of electoral reform and judicial reform, may be Police reform is more urgent. Because a Policeman who does not care to protect his own colleagues will never protect us, the public?

For now, if anything, all that the UP Police have done is stopped Dubey from entering politics, because sooner or later he would have entered the Vidhan Sabha in Lucknow, if not the Lok Sabha in Delhi. Just one less elected criminal...unfortunately, until the next one rises.

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District Minister, DC inspect COVID Care Centre

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Every room has a TV for entertainment and there are recreational facilities like chess, tennis and other indoor games. These facilities have been set up to infuse positive energy among patients and the amenities match any good private hospital.

Green and Red Zone

There will be continuous supply of hot water for patients to drink and bathe, clean toilets 24/7 electricity with a 165 KVA generator. Patients will be provided daily food as per the Government guidelines and facilities for cleaning and washing have been set up.

While the place where the doctors and nurses will operate is marked as a Green Zone, the areas where patients are isolated have been marked as Red Zone. There will be one doctor for every 100 patients and one nurse will take care of 50 patients.

Dr. Ashok, the brain behind care facility

The seat of learning has been converted to a COVID care facility by Nirmiti Kendra in consultation with Lt. Col Dr. Ashok who has entered into Karnataka Administrative Service. He has been appointed as the Nodal Officer for the care centre.

Dr. Ashok has innate knowledge and practical experience of setting up such medical care centre in war zones and other areas of conflict where injured soldiers are treated. He coordinated with Nirmithi Kendra Director Manjunath to modify the structure.

Both Manjunath and Dr. Ashok were directed by the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar to coordinate and create the care facility and money has been released from District Disaster Management Fund. DC Abhiram Sankar, MLA L. Nagendra, Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh and others were present.

Mysuru to get 2,200 units of Rapid Antigen Kits: DC

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram Sankar said that Mysuru will get 2,200 units of Rapid Antigen Kits to test patients. Polyclinics and dispensaries in New Delhi are allowed to conduct rapid antigen tests to enhance screening for COVID-19 infections in the national capital. The same system is being followed in Bengaluru too and now will be extended to Mysuru.

It is a test on swabbed nasal samples that detects antigens (foreign substances that induce an immune response in the body) that are found on or within the Coronavirus. It is a point-of-care test, performed outside the conventional laboratory setting, and is used to quickly obtain a diagnostic result.

As per the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) guidelines, the kit will be used in containment zones or hotspots and healthcare settings. In both settings, the ICMR, has advised that the test will be performed under strict medical supervision.

In containment zones, the test can be conducted on all symptomatic influenza-like illnesses. Asymptomatic direct and high-risk contacts with co-morbidities (lung disease, heart disease, liver disease, kidney disease, diabetes, neurological disorders, and blood disorders) of a confirmed case are to be tested once between day 5 and day 10 of coming into contact.

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Mandya Minister to be invited to discuss water release from KRS: Somashekar

Mysuru, July 11 (PM&DM)- Stating that Mandya District-in Charge Minister K.C. Narayanagowda will be invited for the meeting to be held next week in the city regarding release of water from KRS (the reservoir is located in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district) and Kabini Dam for release of water in canals for irrigation purpose, Mysuru District In-charge Minister S.T. Somashekar said he was happy that reservoirs in the region have been fast filling up due to copious rainfall in catchment areas.

He was presiding over a meeting at the ZP Hall here this morning to review the readiness of the district for farming activities during the monsoon season.

Directing the officials to extend all possible help to the farming community, Somashekar said that the district has sufficient stock of sowing seeds and fertilisers and there is no cause for worry on this front.

DC Abhiram G. Sankar said that the District Administration has taken all measures to see that there is enough stock of sowing seeds and fertilisers at any point of time so as to meet the demands of the farmers.

Noting that most reservoirs in the district are filling up faster as compared to last year at this point of time, he said that KRS dam has already crossed 100ft. mark, thanks to copious rainfall in catchment areas.

Stating that farm activities have begun in full swing in irrigated areas across the district, he appealed the Minister to take up the issue of releasing water from KRS and Kabini dams with the Government.

Minister Somashekar reiterated that he would convene a meeting in the city next week for which Mandya District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda too will be invited for discussing the issue.

Abhiram Sankar also brought to the notice of the Minister that the Government is yet to release relief money in respect of 14 farmers' suicide in the district, to which Somashekar said that he would immediately take up the issue with the concerned authorities.

Joint Director of Agriculture Dr. Mahanteshappa apprised the Minister with supporting statistical details, on the measures that the Department has taken for the benefit of farmers during the monsoon.

The District Minister released a brochure brought out by the Health Department marking World Population Day, on the occasion. ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra, MLA L. Nagendra, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, DHO Dr. R. Venkatesh, officials from Agriculture and other Departments were present.

District Administration explores option to control virus spread

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He was speaking to reporters during his visit to the Academic Bhavan of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) in Mandakalli that has been converted into a COVID Care Centre (CCC). Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar too visited the facility this morning.

It is in the interest of people the District Administration is taking such measures and people must co-operate when the surveyors go to their areas, the DC said.

DC Abhiram Sankar further said that the burial ground near Tipu Circle has been identified as a place to perform the last rites of the dead as per COVID protocol and according to religious beliefs. "For other community members, Government land that is a half-an-hour journey from Mysuru has been identified to perform the last rites and the land has been reserved for the purpose," he said.

Applications invited to avail loan

Mysuru, July 11- The Karnataka Madiwala Machideva Development Corporation has invited applications from eligible Self Help Groups (SHGs) belonging to Madiwala community, including Aug, Chakala, Dobhi, Madiwala, Mannan, Parith, Rajaka, Sakala, Vannan, Vellutekad and Sakalavadu communities, for availing loans and subsidies under various Government Schemes such as Self Employment Scheme, Arivu Education Loan Scheme and Ganga Kalyana Scheme.

The application forms can be downloaded from the website *dbcdc.karnataka.gov.in* or obtained from district office and uploaded along with supporting documents at the website or submitted to the office of D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation before Aug.3.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2341194, according to a press release.

Guidelines for establishing COVID Care Centres

managed by RWAs, AOAs, Companies in their own premises

Mysuru, July 11- The State Government is establishing **COVID Care Centres (CCCs)** for isolation and management of asymptomatic and mild symptomatic COVID-19 cases in Government/ private institutions like Ashrams, Exhibition Centres, Bhavans, etc. In this context, a number of **Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs)/ Apartments Owners Associations (AOAs)** have come forward to facilitate home isolation and management of positive persons in their premises. In this regard the Government has decided to involve the community organisations in the management of COVID-19 positive persons by themselves. Hence, the Commissionerate, Health & Family Welfare Services, has yesterday (July 10) issued the following guidelines for establishing CCCs managed by RWAs, AOAs and Companies in their own premises:

1. Facilities needed

a) Vacant houses, community halls and flats within the apartment(s)/ community.

b) Separate accommodation for women and children.

c) Individual occupancy in a room of 10x10 feet preferably with attached bathroom and toilet.

d) In the absence of individual rooms, 4 to 6 COVID positive persons shall be accommodated in a hall having attached bath and toilet/s.

e) Temporary partitions of either PVC or side screen shall be provided for individual privacy keeping a physical distance of minimum of six feet between the two beds.

f) Beds, mattresses, furnishings and linens, uninterrupted water and power supply shall be available.

g) Homemade food either from the patient's house or from a common kitchen shall be arranged.

h) Ancillary services like garbage management, sanitation and logistics should be managed exclusively and separately for the COVID block. Especially the biomedical waste shall be treated with 1% hypochlorite solution for a contact period of one hour should be assured before final disposal.

i) If citizens of a group of individual houses in a street or neighbourhood are willing and have an independent unoccupied house or community hall they are encouraged to run CCC facilities akin to RWAs.

2. Eligibility for admission

All Asymptomatic and mild symptomatic COVID positive persons except the following: a) > 60 years of age. b) With comorbid conditions like hypertension, diabetes, severe obesity, thyroid disease, cancer, kidney diseases include patients on dialysis, heart diseases, stroke, Tuberculosis, People living with HIV, immune-compromised, on steroids

and immune-suppressants. c) Pregnant women and lactating mothers. d) Children below 10 years of age. e) Any other serious medical/ psychological condition.

3. Medical care at CCC

a) Access to public shall be restricted.

b) The RWA / AOA / Company should have a tie up with medical team (or with a doctor residing in the premises) for triaging and regular clinical support of the patients.

c) Nursing staff will conduct temperature measurement and pulse oximetry, monitor other symptoms, record the temperature and SpO2 with fingertip pulse oxymetery thrice a day, and shall have tele consultation with the doctor for any instructions.

d) Linkage with an affiliated private hospital, dedicated COVID-19 health center or hospital for referring the COVID positive person in case of need.

e) Adequate supplies of PPE Kits, N-95 Masks, triple layered surgical masks, gloves, hand sanitisers, thermal scanners, pulse oximeter, glucometer, BP apparatus, stethoscope, medicines like hydroxy chloroquine, vitamin-C, zinc, etc. shall be available.

f) In case of emergency, ambulance services shall be obtained from Government (108)/ private ambulance.

g) The COVID positive person shall be under the care of RWAs; attending doctor and staff nurses will all be under the supervision of the jurisdictional MOH/ DHO/ HO of City Corporations or THO/ DH&FWO of the Department.

h) Data entry — the nursing officer shall maintain patient charts and records (for requisite parameters), and the doctor shall officially verify the record data and advise.

4. Required amenities

a) Support staff for food/ supervision - will be present 24x7, in two or three shifts designated only for the care of patients in the ratio of 1:12 per COVID positive person.

b) Designated security personnel shall supervise CCC.

c) 24x7 Electricity with power back up and water supply.

d) Monitoring facility using CCTV camera installed (optional). e) Facility for disinfection and sterilisation of linen and utensils of COVID positive person.

f) Availability of broadband Internet connectivity with computers and DEOs for providing the COVID-19 patients data.

5. Daily monitoring and medical supervision

a) Thrice daily temperature and SpO2 recording using fingertip pulse oximeter.

b) 24x7 monitoring by medical officer.

c) Attending to medical & other complaints.

6. Food and Nutrition

a) Nutritious diet should be provided to the patients using the suggested diet plan as per Government advice *(see table below)*, but catering to the patient's individual tastes, allergies and dietary requirements. Food will be delivered from the concerned patient's home to the Centre for the staff to give to the patients. Disposable Plates and cutlery shall be used.

b) Proper food arrangements three times a day along with snacks for the patients and the nursing staff.

7. Ancillary services

a) Dedicated area of donning and doffing of PPE for health care workers.

b) Garbage Management inside and outside the CCC.

c) To ensure that the biomedical waste generated in the CCC is sent to designate bio-medical processing centre.

d) To ensure complete cleanliness inside & outside CCC.

8. Testing

COVID-19 Testing for the patients should be done as per the testing guidelines issued by the GoK. Any other test required as per the doctor's assessment should be made available from the nearest health facility.

9. Daily reporting

The CCC will ensure daily reporting of the admissions, release from isolation and medical condition of patients in the software recommended by the State Government/ report to District Surveillance Officer (DSO)

10. Others

The CCC facility will be used by the local RWA/ AOA residents only. The COVID positive persons shall be allowed to use their laptop, mobile, tablet, books and other reading materials, etc.

11. Discharge/ Release from isolation:

To be followed as per GoK guidelines in consultation with treating doctor. **[See also page-9]**

SUGGESTED DIET PLAN

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
On Rising	Coffee / Tea / Milk						
Breakfast - 7 am	Rava Idli	Pongal	Set Dosa	Rice Idli	Bisibele Bath	Chow Chow Bath	Set Dosa
Mid-Morning - 10 am	Watermelon	Papaya	Muskmelon	Watermelon	Papaya	Muskmelon	Papaya
	Ragi Ganji	Palak Soup	Rava Ganji	Carrot Soup	Ragi Gangi	Tomato Soup	Rava Gangi
Lunch - 1 pm	Pulka - 2 nos + Palya + Rice + Dal + Curd						
Evening - 5.30 pm	Elaichi Banana + Marie Biscuits - 3 Nos / Protein Biscuits- 2 Nos / Fresh Dates - 2 Nos + Mango Bar (Vit-C rich)						
Dinner - 7 pm	Pulka- 2 nos + Palya + Rice + Dal + Curd						
Bedtime - 9 pm	Flavoured Milk						

Standard Operating Procedure on running CCCs

1. Different places which can be identified as COVID Care Centres (CCCs):

Institutions like community halls, community hostels, school or college premises, malls, stadiums, marriage/ party halls, camp sites, exhibition grounds, hotels and others as deemed appropriate and identified by the authorities can be CCCs.

2. Human resources requirements:

• **Doctors -** one per 100 persons for 8 hrs shift (to be provided by the Health/ Medical Education Dept. in case of Government managed CCC)

• **Staff nurses -** one per 50 persons for 8 hrs shift. (to be provided by the Health/ Medical Education Dept. in case of Government managed CCC)

• **Support staff for food/ supervision -** one per 100 persons for 8 hrs shift.

• **Staff for cleaning -** one per 50 persons for 12 hrs shift.

• **Data entry operator -** one per centre for 12 hrs shift.

• **Security personnel and marshals -** one per 50 persons for 12 hrs shift.

The staff should stay at CCC only in a separate wing. They will work for two weeks at CCC and then go home after testing negative for COVID-19 for period of one week.

3. Required amenities:

Any CCC needs to:

• Have restricted access to general public.

• Have beds 1 meter apart with side locker and charging point for mobile/ laptop etc.

• Have a separate section/ ward for male and female patients.

• Has 24x7 electricity with power back up and water supply.

• Have a nursing staff and doctor at station for 24x7 care facility in case of emergency.

• Shall have adequate supplies of PPE Kits, N-95 Masks, triple layered surgical masks, gloves, hand sanitizers, thermal scanners, pulse oximeters, glucometer, BP apparatus, stethoscopes, medicines like hydroxy chloroquine and others including emergency drugs, dressing material and first aid kit, oxygen cylinder with tubing/ oxygen concentrator, nebuliser, portable ECG machine. (The requirements of supplies is given in the Annexure-1)

• Have adequate toilet facilities (1 toilet for 10 persons).

• Have adequate ventilation and lighting facility.

• Have monitoring facility using CCTV camera installed (optional).

• Have 24x7 ambulance service to shift patients whenever necessary

• Have a linkage with dedicated COVID-19 Health Centre or dedicated COVID Hospital.

• Facility for disinfection and sterilisation of patient linen and equipment - Mechanized Laundry.

• Availability of broadband Internet connectivity with computers and DEOs for providing the COVID-19 patients data.

• Garbage Management inside and outside the CCC.

• To ensure that the biomedical waste generated in the CCC is sent to designate bio-medical processing Centre.

4. Patient monitoring

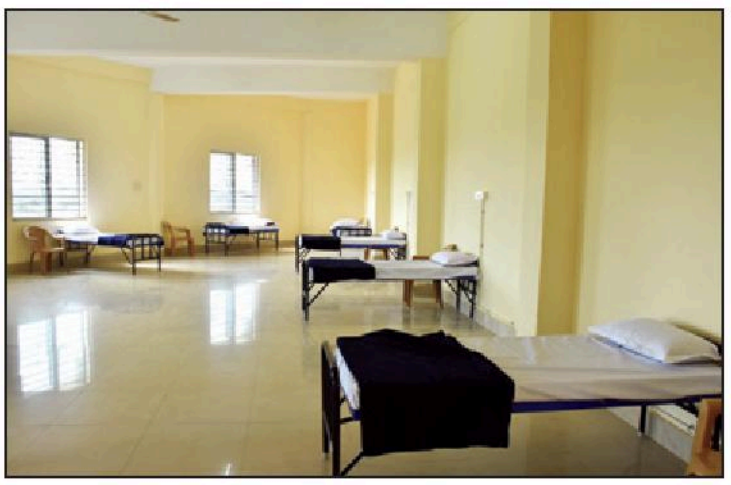
a) A common facility for thermal scanning and pulse oximetry can be set up for temperature and oxygen saturation check.

b) A staff nurse/ trained health worker can record everybody's temperature and pulse oximeter reading twice a day.

c) Anybody with new symptoms or fever (>38°C or >100.4° F) or oxygen saturation <94% needs to be immediately referred to the nearest appropriate linked COVID facility.

5. Discharge of the patient

As per discharge policy issued by the State Government from time to time.



CCC established at KSOU Academic Bhavan in Mandakalli, Mysuru.

6. Management of Logistics at CCC:

a) Supply of equipments and medicines to Government managed CCC - The Karnataka State Drugs Logistics and Warehousing Society (KSDLWS) will provide the necessary equipments and medicines to Government managed CCCs. In greater BBMP area the nodal officer for CCC will send the requirement for 15 days to Additional Director, KSDLWS. In districts, DCs will manage this from the pool of equipments and medicines available with them for COVID-19.

b) Supply of food - The BBMP/ District Administration will make arrangement for supply of food for patients (as per diet chart) and to the staff.

c) Cleaning - The BBMP/ District Administration will make arrangement for the cleaning and sanitisation of the place. In case the CCC has existing staff for sanitation and cleaning the same should be used.

d) Transportation - The patients should be shifted from CCC to other medical facilities using pool of dedicated ambulances available with CCC management team of BBMP/ District.

e) Testing - COVID-19 Testing for the patients should be done as per the testing guidelines issued by the Government from time to time.

For the staff after two weeks of work RT-PCR/ CBNAAT/ True-NAT test should be done before giving one week off. Any other test required as per the doctor's assessment should be made available from the nearest DCHC.

f) Daily reporting - The CCC will ensure daily reporting of the admissions, discharges, medical condition of patients in the software recommended by the State Government.

g) Private facilities taken over by Government as CCC - In case the private facilities are taken over by Government as CCC under Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, then the available staff and the ancillary facilities should be put to use.

h) CCC in-charge officer - BBMP/ District Administration shall appoint a Group-A officer as centre incharge who should manage the HR and logistics of the centre.

REQUIREMENT OF EQUIPMENT / MEDICINES FOR CCCs

Sl No.	Equipment / Medicines	Requirement per 100 patients	Remarks
01	**PPE Kits**	50 per day	Doctors -1x3, Staff nurses - 2x3 Support staff for food / supervision - 4x3 Staff for cleaning - 4x3 Security personnel and marshals - 6x3
02	**N-95 Masks**	50 per day	
03	**Triple layered surgical masks**	300 per day	
04	**Nitrile Gloves**	12 per day	Staff for cleaning - 4x3
05	**Hand sanitisers**	Ten per day (500 ml bottle)	One five litre can
06	**Thermal scanners**	One	
07	**Pulse oximeters**	Two	
08	**Glucometer**	Two	
09	**BP apparatus**	Two	
10	**Stethoscopes**	Two	
11	**Medicines like hydroxychloroquine sulphate**	1100+200 = 1300 for one week	Patients Treatment Plus staff prophylaxis
12	**Dressing material and first aid kit**	Ten kits per week	As per requirements
13	**Oxygen cylinder with tubing/ oxygen concentrator**	One	
14	**Nebuliser**	One	
15	**Portable ECG machine**	One	
16	**Emergency medicines like Atropine, Adrenaline, CPM, Dexamethasone, Cetirizine, PCT, Pantoprazole, Dextrose IV Fluid, RL, NS etc.**	Each medicine of 10 per 100 patients	

WORD OF THE DAY

Vilipend

Pronunciation: VIL-uh-pend.
Meaning: To hold or treat as of little worth or account : contemn; to express a low opinion of : disparage.
Origin: Vilipend first appeared in English in the 15th century and had its heyday during the 19th century—being found in the works of such well-known authors as Sir Walter Scott, William Makepeace Thackeray, and George Meredith — but it fell into relative obscurity by the 20th century. The word comes to us through French from the Latin roots vilis, meaning "cheap" or "vile," and pendere, meaning "to weigh" or "to estimate." These roots work in tandem to form a meaning of "to deem to be of little worth." Each has contributed separately to some other common English words. Other vilis offspring include vile and vilify, while pendere has spawned such terms as append, expend, and dispense.
Example: As a women's rights movement pioneer, Susan B. Anthony fought against the dicta of those who would vilipend women by treating them as second-class citizens.

THE ODD WORD

Vaalhaai

South African shark.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Veg out

Meaning: To 'veg out' is to relax in a slothful and mindless manner.
Origin: This phrase 'veg out' derives from the association of vegetables with mental incapacity; in the way that mentally disabled people are sometimes referred to as vegetables. 'Couch potato' comes from the same notion. The term originated in the 1970s. Most of the early uses of it come from the USA, although the earliest that I know of is from Canada, in The Calgary Herald, November 1979:
...the teenager's favourite description of doing nothing. ("I'm just going to veg out today.").

QUOTE BOX

Vegetables deplete soil. They're extractive. If soil has a bank account, vegetables make the largest withdrawals. **— Dan Barber**

RIDDLE THIS

There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What colour are the stairs?

Answer : There aren't any — it's a one-story house.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

8	3	6	4	7	5	2	1	9
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3	8	7	5	6	4	1	9	2
9	1	4	3	2	7	8	5	6
2	6	5	1	8	9	4	3	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Game-ending pronouncement (1,3)
5 One related by blood or origin
8 The organ of breathing
12 In ____ with : in accordance with?
13 Prefix for "dermis" or "center"
14 Ripening agent
15 Short for 'instant', or the present month
16 Greek goddess of dawn
17 Mr Nasty Natase of tennis?
18 Stir or tumult
19 A minion or a servant?
21 Speed meas.
23 "Tea" in India
24 Proclamation
28 Believer: suffix
31 Destruction
32 To contend as a rival for honours
33 Against
34 Irish Rep. Army
35 Overwhelming electoral victory
37 ___ Sarovar : bird sanctuary in Gujarat?
38 Choose or select
39 Derided or scoffed
44 The Big Blue
47 Famous cookie
48 Noah's ship
49 Swiss river - change of "area"?
50 Biblical land - "a mob" dispersed?
51 Part of a shoe
52 Flower part
53 Henry VIII's second
54 ___ of Eternity : Isaac Asimov novel?
55 Jackie Shroff's first film

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

		A	H	E	M		S	A	T	A	N
P	L	A	T	E	A	U		I	T	C	H	Y
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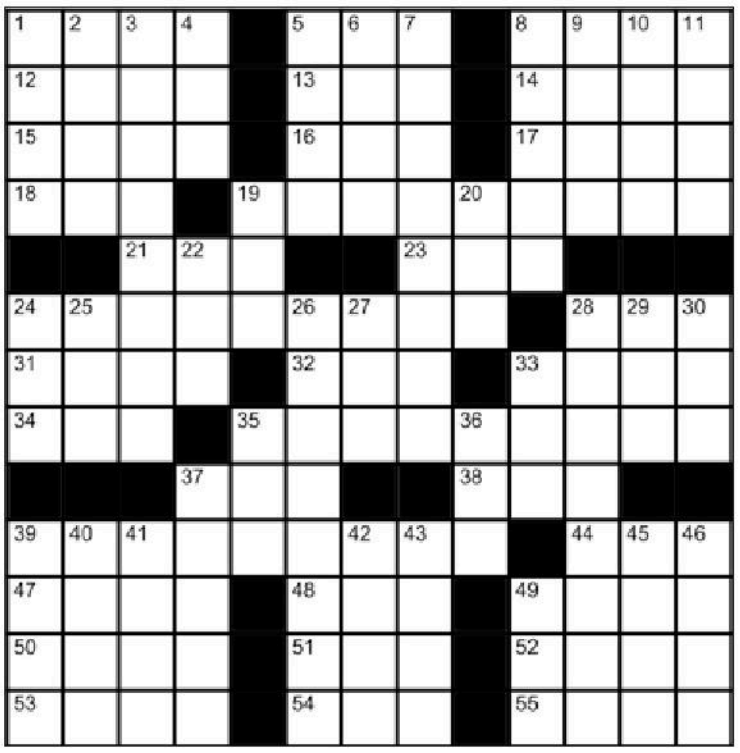
DOWN

1 Hip bones?
2 Air in motion
3 Lack of sleep malady
4 Catch
5 Observed
6 Apple's portable music player
7 Cut in half
8 Majnu's counterpart
9 A crossbred citrus fruit
10 No, in Berlin?
11 ____ Chappell : ex-Australian cricket captain?
19 Ultra High Frequency
20 Greek letter
22 ATM need
24 Magnetic Resonance Imaging
25 Bollywood's Raja __ Rank
26 Assess
27 Breach of religious law
28 Set going
29 PCO facility
30 A type of neckwear
33 High mountain
35 Dark red resin
36 A piece of turf?
37 Zeus changed her - "bone I" pick?
39 Their capital for the Italians?
40 Clothes-smoother
41 Campus VIP
42 Author Hubbard (1,3)
43 ___ out : made last longer?
45 ___ Rabbit : cartoon character?
46 Executive's missive
49 Powdery residue



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and Words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

DYJYM FEYO AIY IPLKD OEPQ KNNYKM OE OAMEDB

KDF DEWQY KO VIYD TA XEMYBEYO MYJYDBY

KDF FKMYO AE XEMBTJY KD TDZPMR.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: All that is human must retrograde if it does not advance.

Pages from History

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Homage to Unwin of Kannada: Prof. H. M. Shankaranarayana Rao

When I was browsing through some literature on Prof. H. M. Shankaranarayana Rao, a write-up in Kannada with the title 'Unwin of Kannada' written by M. Satyanarayana Rao of Geetha Book House-fame, attracted my attention. A great Publisher can understand and appreciate another equally great Publisher more intimately.

For the benefit of those who are not familiar with Unwin, I may add that Sir Stanley Unwin of England was one of the Publishers known all over the world for publishing books of everlasting value written by distinguished authors. For want of a better title, I simply copied that title to pay homage to Prof. H. M. Shankaranarayana Rao, the architect of Sharada Mandira, a Kannada Publishing House which has made Mysuru City proud.

Though he was elder to me by two decades, I had the privilege of knowing him fairly intimately. Placing Prof. Shankaranarayana Rao on the same pedestal occupied by Unwin is perhaps the best tribute to Prof. Rao.

Prof. Shankaranarayana Rao (1913-1997) was born at Harihara, a place of great antiquity sanctified by Harihareswara temple built by the Hoysalas eight hundred years ago. Shankaranarayana is another name for Harihara, a composite deity which establishes the identity of Siva and Vishnu, a wonderful concept. Instead of continuing as the priest of this temple, Shankaranarayana Rao chose to get modern College education. Any other person would not have even dreamt of College education when poverty was staring at him. But the young Rao had a dream of his own.

Prof. H. M. Shankaranarayana Rao [1913-1997]

Sir Stanley Unwin [1884 – 1968]

Weekly meals

In those days, the concept of weekly meals was very popular among poor students. Weekly meals did not mean taking food once in a week but eating each day at a different house in turn with the consent of the owner of the house. In fact most of the distinguished persons have grown under this umbrella of weekly meals.

Shankaranarayana Rao had arranged for weekly meals for all the seven days of the week. He joined the Maharaja's College and automatically got 50% exemption from the payment of the tuition fee. But Rao could not afford to pay the remaining 50%. He met Principal Prof. J.C. Rollo (Englishman) and told him that he is poor and surviving on weekly meals. Prof. Rollo understood this as eating once a week and asked the College Manager if this is true and the latter replied 'Yes, Sir.' And Prof. Rollo granted Rao exemption from the payment of the remaining 50% of the College fee. This enabled Shankaranarayana Rao to prosecute his College education. This incident sounds like a fairy tale to the students of the present generation.

Shankaranarayana Rao had the good fortune of getting a Master's degree in Kannada literature under the luminaries like B.M.Sri, Ti.Nam.Sri, T. S. Venkannaiah, A. R. Krishnasastry, DLN, M. H. Krishna, Srikantha Sastri, Rallapalli, M. Hiriyanna and others. His friends like Paramesvara Bhatta and K. Venkataramappa gave him good company. After some initial struggle, Shankaranarayana Rao joined the Sarada Vilas College as a lecturer in Kannada, became a Professor and finally emerged as the Principal of that College. During his leadership, Sarada Vilas College attained name and fame as a great centre of education and became popular. Shankaranarayana Rao paid great tribute to the management of this College by saying: 'This is perhaps the only College where the Principal and the staff are allowed to work without any interference from the Management.'

Man of innovations

Prof. Shankaranarayana Rao was a man of innovations. His creative mind always aspired for new things to help the society. Once he wrote a long essay in Kannada and wanted to get it published. Instead of going and waiting at the doors of the Publishers, he thought of starting a Publishing House of his own and serve Kannada.

At the suggestion of Ti.Nam. Sri, it came to be called 'Sharada Mandira' (House of Goddess Sharada, the presiding deity of Knowledge). From that day onwards neither Sharada Mandira nor Shankaranarayana Rao looked back and Rao became a Kannada Publisher.

In the beginning, he published his own books and began approaching other authors who came in search of Shankaranarayana Rao with a request to publish their books. Rao has published over four hundred titles of great authors including A.R. Krishna Sastry, Veesi, Gorur, Ti.Nam.Sri, DLN, K. Venkataramappa, Pu.Thi.Na, Murthy Rao, Krishnamurthy, Ashwattha, Tarasu etc. Thus practically all illustrious writers of that period have found a place in Sharada Mandira. This is not a mean achievement.

Scholarly monograph on Harihareswara temple

Prof. Shankaranarayana Rao enriched Kannada literature by publishing his own 25 books. As a student of History and Epigraphy, I have always admired his scholarly monograph on Harihareswara temple at Harihara. I had suggested to him to get it translated into English so that non-Kannadigas would be benefitted by it.

Another virtue which has endeared Prof. Rao to the Authors and Publishers is the way he respected the authors. He believed that an author is the focal point of the literary world and hence he should be respected and rewarded properly. He started the practice of giving royalty to authors in a single lumpsum. In addition he has helped many authors by giving financial help in times of needs such as marriage, buying a site or completing a house etc. This showed his concern for the authors who were the backbone of the Publishing industry.

In this connection I may quote what Prof. Rao told me once. 'I very much desire to give you royalty; please give me a manuscript.' Unfortunately, I could not do it and the loss is mine.

Prof. H. M. Shankaranarayana Rao was not merely a great Publisher but a great scholar in Kannada. He has written more than 25books in Kannada including independent works and edited old classics. Fortunately, many of his works became text books and the students were the real beneficiaries. His beautiful Kannada handwriting has been admired by his contemporary scholars. Some twenty years ago, I received a beautifully written post card from him.

It seems he was reading Ranna and at one place, he saw a phrase 'posa-pon' meaning new gold and it did not suit the context. In my book on coins of Karnataka, I had indicated that 'pon' is a gold coin and this meaning suited his context, as newly minted gold coins. He congratulated me for this interpretation. I used to meet Rao occasionally in the evenings at the first floor of the famous Geetha Book House at K. R. Circle. Though it was a small place surrounded by books on all sides, it was made a pleasant place by the brothers Satyanarayana Rao, Gururaja Rao and Gopalakrishna. Prof. Rao, Venkataramappa, HSK, H.M. Nayak used to be there with pleasant conversation on literature, men and matters laced with generous comments without malice to anybody. Light eatables were always there. I was the youngest of the lot and the horizon of my knowledge was broadened greatly. Alas! Such meetings are not held nowadays either in Colleges or in homes or when friends meet. Now it has passed into the pages of history.

In the meantime, it is our duty to salute and pay homage to Shankaranarayana Rao who has made Mysuru city proud by his Publishing House Sharada Mandira.

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CET exam on July 30 & 31

Bengaluru, July 11- The Common Entrance Test (CET) for admission to Under-Graduate professional courses in the State such as Engineering, Architecture, Pharmacy, Agriculture, Horticulture (barring Medical and Dental courses) will take place on July 30 and 31.

Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan, who is also the Higher Education Minister, said that CET will be conducted with all precautionary measures in place and the students need not worry.

PG-CET will also be held as per schedule on Aug. 8 and 9, he said and added the Diploma CET for admission of Diploma students to Under Graduate Engineering Courses will also be held as per schedule on Aug.9.

He said the Government is yet to take a decision on the date of K-SET to be conducted by the University of Mysore, which is the Nodal Agency, for appointment to Assistant Professor posts in Degree Colleges.

SSC recruitment 2020

Mysuru, July 11- The Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has invited applications from eligible candidates for the post of Sub-Inspectors in Delhi Police and Central Armed Police Forces for the year 2020.

University degree holders aged 20 to 25 years are eligible to apply. SSC provides relaxation of five years for SC and ST candidates and three years for OBC candidates in the upper age limit. Interested candidates can visit websites *http://ssckkr.kar.nic.in* and *http://ssc.nic.in* for further details and submit applications before July 16.

For details, contact Office of Assistant Director, District Employment Exchange Office, Mysuru or Ph: 0821-2489972.

Library staff updated on software usage

Mysuru, July 11 - The Department of Public Libraries, which has completely transitioned its membership registration and renewal work to online services recently, conducted training programme for its staff members and apprised them about the new software to receive applications from citizens to avail its services and process them, under Seva Sindhu Project - an online initiative of the State Government.

Using Google Meet app, District Project Manager M. Chetan of Seva Sindhu Project, Office of Deputy Commissioner, educated the staff members working in City and District Central Libraries, according to B. Manjunath, Deputy Director, Department of Public Libraries, Mysuru.

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